

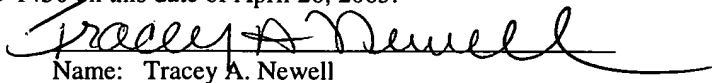
2859/IPW
Grady

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Andreas DERR :
Serial No.: 10/511,420 : Art Unit: To be assigned
Filed: October 14, 2004 : Examiner: To be assigned
For: **METHOD FOR PRODUCING** : Atty. Docket: WEM-07801
PH PROBES

Certificate of Mailing

I hereby certify that the foregoing documents are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this date of April 26, 2005.


Name: Tracey A. Newell

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicants and/or their attorney in compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.56. Copies of the documents are also being submitted.

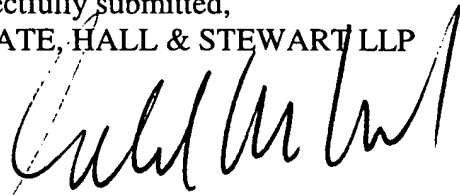
Since this IDS is being filed prior to a first Office Action on the merits for this case, no fee is due. Applicants note that non-English language reference AL corresponds to reference AK, non-English language reference AM corresponds to reference AA, non-English language reference AN corresponds to reference AB, non-English language reference AO corresponds to reference AC, and non-English language reference AP corresponds to references AD and AE. We also enclose an English language abstract for non-English language reference AQ. In addition, non-English language references AI, AJ, AR, and AS are publications cited by an International Search Report (copy attached) for a counterpart of the above-referenced application, where the International Search Report indicates the relevance of non-English language documents in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to initial the space adjacent to each document on the PTO-1449 form and return a copy of the PTO-1449 form to confirm that these documents have been considered by the Examiner and made of record in this application.

Although we believe that we have appropriately provided for any fees due in connection with this submission, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to/from our **Deposit Account No. 031721**. Two originally-executed copies of this form are being submitted.

Should there be any questions after reviewing this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (617) 248-4038.

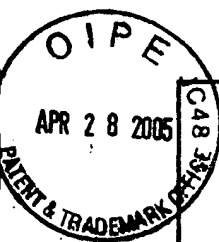
Respectfully submitted,
CHOATE, HALL & STEWART LLP



Donald W. Muirhead
Registration No. 33,978

April 26, 2005
Date

Customer No.: 26339
Patent Group
Choate, Hall & Stewart LLP
Exchange Place
53 State Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02109



Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

| | | | | <i>Complete if Known</i> | |
|--|---|----|---|--------------------------|------------------|
| | | | | Application Number | 10/511,420 |
| INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT | | | | Filed | October 14, 2004 |
| | | | | First Named Inventor | Andreas DERR |
| | | | | Art Unit | To be assigned |
| | | | | Examiner Name | To be assigned |
| Sheet | 1 | of | 1 | Attorney Docket Number | WEM-07801 |

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

| Examiner Initials* | Cite No. ¹ | Document Number | Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY | Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document | Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--|---|
| | | Number-Kind Code ² (if known) | | | |
| | AA | US-4,008,141 | 02-15-1977 | Kotani, et al. | |
| | AB | US-4,959,138 | 09-25-1990 | Brinkmann, et al. | |
| | AC | US-4,167,300 | 09-11-1979 | Fischer, et al. | |
| | AD | US-3,965,383 | 06-22-1976 | List, et al. | |
| | AE | US-4,004,331 | 01-25-1977 | List, et al. | |
| | AF | US-3,523,777 | 08-11-1970 | Petersen, et al. | |
| | AG | US-3,444,067 | 05-13-1969 | Watanabe, et al. | |
| | AH | US-3,415,731 | 12-10-1968 | Carter | |
| | AI | US-4,783,250 | 11-08-1988 | Pons, et al. | |
| | AJ | US-4,252,124 | 02-24-1981 | Maurer, et al. | |

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

| Examiner Initials* | Cite No. ¹ | Foreign Patent Document | Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY | Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document | Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear | T ⁶ |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------|
| | | Country Code ³ Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known) | | | | |
| | AK | GB 2 370 646 A | 07-03-2002 | United Kingdom | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | AL | DE 100 53 979 A1 | 05-16-2002 | Germany | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | AM | DE 25 44 360 | 04-08-1976 | Germany | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | AN | DE 34 05 431 C2 | 03-28-1985 | Germany | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | AO | Nr. 375 190 | 10-15-1981 | Germany | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | AP | Nr. 359 750 | 04-15-1980 | Germany | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | AQ | DE 36 17 479 A1 | 11-26-1987 | Germany | | English Abstract |
| | AR | DE 100 04 583 A1 | 08-16-2001 | Germany | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | AS | EP 0 247 535 A2 | 12-02-1987 | EPO | | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| | | | |
|-----------------------|--|--------------------|--|
| Examiner Signature | | Date Considered | |
|-----------------------|--|--------------------|--|

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.